Indira Gandhi Nahar Project

6195. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government of India have taken so far for restoration of Rajas-than's share of 0.6 MAF which was temporarily made available to Punjab out of its share of 806 MAF, keeping in view that the work on the Indira Gandhi Canal Projects is now well advanced;

(b) whether it is a fact that in the absence of any decision from Government, Rajasthan is getting *ad hoc* share of 49 per cent against its due share of 52.7 per cent and suffering at the bands of the Bhakra Beas Management Board; and

(c) if so, what is the present position and what remedial steps taken by Gove rnment so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOP MENT AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) distributes surplus Ravi Beas water as per 1981 Inter-State Agreement amongst the States of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan. As per the progress reported by the State Gov ernment in Indira Gandhi Nahar Project Stage-II, only about 9 per cent area is being irrigated as against the total planned utilisation. Hence restoration of 0.6 MAF to Rajasthan does not arise at this stage.

Torture of domestic maids

6196. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of WEL FARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that domestic child maids are frequent victims of torture and physical assault by their employers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are no safeguards provided for these domestic maids against such onslaughts; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to enact a law to protect these domestic maids; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU); (a) to (d) The information is being collected and would be laid on the House.

Reservation for handicapped and widows in Super Bazar

6197, SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been set by the Management of Super Bazar for three percent reservation of the jobs in Group 'C and 'D' posts in their various departments for the handicapped persons and widows;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of appointments made during the last three years, year-wise in above categories;

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for providing age relaxations to handicapp ed and widow candidates in appoint ments:

(e) if so, the detals thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

(d) to (f). For the purpose of appointments of Group C and D posts for the physirally handicapped persons, widows,

divorced women and women judicially separated and not remarried, there is a relaxation of 10 years in upper age limit

In case of widows, divorced women and women judicially separated and not remarried, the above age relaxation applies to Group 'A' & 'B' posts also. In case of SC & ST women of above categories, a further age relaxation of 5 years is available for Group 'C & 'D' ports only.

Construction of age homes

6198. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY; Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of old Age Homes constructed in Delhi and other parts of the country;

(b) the number of old persons kept in such Homes and what facilities being provided to them.

(c) whether Government propose to construct more such Homes in Delhi and other parts of the country including Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): (a) Under the scheme viz. Scheme of Assistance to voluntary organisations for programmes relating to Aged, the Central Govt, have sanctioned grant-in-aid to voluntary organisations for setting up/maintenance of 126 old age homes during 1993-94. There are two old age homes in Delhi set up by the Goernment of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(b) Under the scheme of assistance to voluntary organisations for programmes relating to aged, old age home is a residential unit for atleast 25 poor/destitute aged persons of 60 years and above. Physical and psychological well-being of the inmates is taken care of by part-time medical officer and trained social workers/ counsellor. Besides they are given free accommodation, bedding clothing, food, medicine and recreational facilities.

(c) and (d) Under the scheme, grant-in-aid for maintenance of old age Homes is uniformly available to the voluntary organisation in all States/Union Territories including Delhi and Rajasthan, However, under this scheme, no grant for construction of old age homes is admissible.

Campaign by women against liquor consumption

6199. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA; Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact women in many states have organized themselves and star ed compaign against liquor consumption;

(b) if so, the names of the States where such corrtpaigns have been organized and with what results;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Gov ernment have given any financial mate rial help in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): (a) and (b) As per the information available, women in the State of Andhra Pradesh have organised themselves and launched campaign against liquor consumption. The Govt, of Andhra Pradesh has banned the sale of arrack in the entire State w.e.f. 1-10-93.

(e) No, Sir.

(d) A proposal from Chief Minister. Andhra Pradesh for financial assistance for strengthening the enforcement ma chinery for implementation of prohibition and for undertaking publicity campaign against alcoholism in the State has been received. The proposal has been consider ed and a draft Centrally sponsored